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New Southbound I-55 Exit Ramp Opening At Arsenal Road Interchange

*New exit is 1 mile south of existing ramp
Drivers should pay close attention to signs directing traffic to new ramp*

CHANNAHON – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the new exit ramp from southbound I-55 to Arsenal Road is expected to open in the near future. The new ramp, located one mile south of the existing exit ramp, could open as early as Saturday night, April 13, weather permitting, or as soon thereafter as possible during the following week. When the new ramp opens, the existing ramp will be permanently closed. Nighttime lane closures on I-55 will be required this week to install signs and complete work abutting the expressway.

Traffic will need to follow the east frontage road north along I-55 to access Arsenal Road. Temporary stop signs along the east frontage road will be removed. Drivers using side roads and driveways need to pay close attention to the changed conditions.

The \$68.7 million Arsenal Road interchange project involves removing the existing interchange and relocating it approximately a mile south. The new configuration includes a flyover ramp, auxiliary lanes for trucks and new ramps to alleviate traffic backups on I-55. The project is expected to be significantly complete in Summer 2013.

For more information on the Arsenal Road interchange project, visit:

<http://www.dot.il.gov/I55arsenal/index.html> .

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 website at

<http://www.dot.state.il.us> . Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com

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